(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Since inception of the Scheme, 15,09,159 SHGs have been formed all over the country. Out of this 1,23,409 number of SHGs have taken up economic activities for self-employment under the Programme with a total investment of Rs.7626.18 crores which includes Government subsidy and Bank credit.

(e) Apart from the groups given subsidy and credit for setting up microenterprises, a large number of groups have been given Revolving Fund Assistance under the programme of credit linked under the SHG Bank linkage programme of NABARD.

Funds to Bihar under Swajaldhara Yojana

†2510. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the amount as assistance proposed to be disbursed to Bihar during the current financial year under Swajaldhara Yojana?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): Rs. 873.725 lakh have been allocated to the Government of Bihar for implementation of Swajaldhara projects, during 2003-2004.

Assistance to destitutes of over 65 years

†2511. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provide full amount of additional assistance to all the destitute beneficiaries of over 65 years receiving pension, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government provide amount of additional Central Assistance for the sake of all beneficiaries of National Family Assistance Scheme, if not, the reasons therefor; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.